



**WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE**
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State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Name of Proposal: CLEARWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - GRASS CARP - BLUE LAKE

Description of Proposal: Plant triploid (sterile) grass carp into Blue Lake, with no public access, to control aquatic vegetation. The screens will be placed at the inlet and outlet of the lake. This project has been changed from a previous MDNS. The proponent has proposed stocking grass carp into the full length of Blue Lake, including the section from the bridge (near old beaver dam) to the inlet. The previous project only incorporated 2/3 of Blue Lake (bridge to outlet spillway).

The proponent shall incorporate the following mitigation measures into the project:

1. All inlets and/or outlets shall be fully screened prior to planting grass carp to prevent fish from emigrating out of the pond.
2. Screens shall be maintained and replaced if necessary.
3. No restocking of grass carp will be allowed unless impacts to waterfowl have been determined to be negligible. This assessment must be provided by developing a monitoring implementation plan for waterfowl use prior to initial stocking and prior to restocking. The monitoring plan will determine winter use (November to March 31) and nesting use (May - June). The monitoring results will be submitted to the regional biologist when requesting a renewal of the stocking permit. Potential impacts may require additional SEPA analysis.
 - a. The surveys must include the area from the bridge (near old beaver dam) to the inlet screen.
 - b. Include total count of waterfowl, and if known, count of each species.
 - c. Surveys conducted to assess waterfowl impacts should occur in tandem (back to back) over two months for each use (winter and nesting) at a minimum, i.e., February 15 and 16, March 10 and 11, May 5 and 6, June 17 and 18.
 - d. Survey counts should be completed before 12 pm.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Blue Lake, Near Bluewater Drive, South of Clear Lake, Approximately 20 Miles East of Vail, Washington, Thurston County; Section 06, Township 15 North, Range 03 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **February 24, 2003**

Responsible Official: Cynthia R. Pratt

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DATE OF ISSUE: February 10, 2003 **SIGNATURE:**  _____

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